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SUBJECT: PREPARATION OF CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCU-  
MENT (CPD) FOR FY 1979 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 297352

JUSTIFICATION FOR AND DESCRIPTION OF THE U.S. SECURITY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MEXICO IN FY 1979 WAS REQUESTED.  
EMBASSY MEXICO RESPONSE KEYED TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF FOLL-  
OWS:

3A. JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM: UNITED STATES FOREIGN  
POLICY TOWARDS MEXICO IS AIMED AT ASSISTING MEXICO MAINTAIN  
A SUFFICIENTLY PROSPEROUS ECONOMY AND STABLE POLITICAL SYS-  
TEM THAT ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS, WHICH MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT  
U.S. INTERESTS, WILL BE REDUCED TO MANAGEABLE LEVELS. TO  
MEET THIS OBJECTIVE, THE U.S. PROVIDES MEXICO A LIMITED  
AMOUNT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE. OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN IN  
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U.S./MEXICAN RELATIONS INCLUDE: THE REDUCTION OF THE NUM-  
BER OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS CROSSING THE BORDER; CONTINUED  
COOPERATION IN INTERDICTING THE FLOW OF DRUGS ACROSS THE  
BORDER; AND GREATER COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. ON ECONOMIC  
ISSUES.

(1) U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES REGARDING MEXICO

ARE TO:

(A) ENHANCE THE FAVORABLE DISPOSITION OF THE MEXICAN MILITARY TOWARDS THE U.S.

(B) ENHANCE THE MEXICAN ARMED FORCES' INTERNAL SECURITY CAPABILITIES AND FURTHER U.S. INFLUENCE BY PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING.

(C) SUPPORT PRUDENT MODERNIZATION OF MEXICO ARMED FORCES AND ENCOURAGE USE OF U.S. MILITARY DOCTRINE AND EQUIPMENT BY BEING RESPONSIVE TO PURCHASE REQUESTS.

(2) U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN MEXICO: THE DIRECT STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF MEXICO TO THE U.S. IS DERIVED FROM THE FACT THAT MEXICO IS ONE OF THE MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA, HAS 1600 MILES OF VIRTUALLY UNGUARDED BORDER WITH THE U.S. AND FLANKS MARITIME LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN U.S. PORTS AND THE PANAMA CANAL. IT IS EVIDENT THAT DIRECT U.S. INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY ENCOURAGING A MEXICAN ARMED FORCE CAPABLE OF DISCHARGING ITS DUTIES OF INTERNAL AND NATIONAL SECURITY WHILE REMAINING FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO U.S. MILITARY DOCTRINE. THE MAINTENANCE OF OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE.  
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3B. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: THE IMET PROGRAM FOR MEXICO, AT THE PRESENT TIME THE ONLY FORM OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO MEXICO, HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING THE FOREGOING OBJECTIVES AND U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS.

3B(1). MAP - NOT APPLICABLE.

3B(2). IMET:

(A) OVERVIEW: THE MAJORITY OF COURSES DEVELOPED UNDER THE MEXICO IMET WILL BE FOR OFFICER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. SELF-SUFFICIENCY WILL BE PROMOTED WHEREVER POSSIBLE BY ENCOURAGING THE TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF IN-COUNTRY FACILITIES FOR TRAINING.

(B) SPECIFIC TYPES OF TRAINING/ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE TRAINED UNDER THE FY 1979 IMETP:

(1) U.S. TRAINING:

ARMY: COURSE STUDENTS

FGN OFF INTELL/ENG LANG CRS 2  
SIGNAL OFF BASIC/RADIO SYSTEMS OFF/  
ENG LANG CRS  
PSYCH OPNS UNIT OFF/ENG LANG CRS 2  
FLD ARTY OFF BASIC/ENG LANG CRS 1  
IMAGERY INTELL OFF, FGN/ENG LANG CRS 2  
ARMY WAR COLLEGE FELLOW 1  
COMD-GENERAL STAFF OFF/CGSC ALLIED  
OFF PREP PH-I 2  
FLD ARTY OFF ADVANCED/ENG LANG CRS 2  
SIGNAL OFF ADV-COMBAT COMM/ENG LANG

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CRS 1  
MILITARY POLICE OFF BASIC/ENG LANG  
CRS 4

AIR FORCE: NONE

NAVY: NAVAL COMD COLLEGE/ENG LANG CRS 1  
COMD & STAFF COLL USMC/ENG LANG CRS 1  
NAVAL STAFF CRS/ENG LANG CRS 1  
ANTI-SUB WARFARE/ENG LANG CRS 2  
FGN OFF NAV INTELL CRS/ENG LANG CRS 1  
HYDRO-ENGR/MARINE ENVIRON/ENG LANG CRS 1  
AMPHIB WARFARE SCH USMC/ENG LANG CRS 1  
BASIC CRS USMC/OJT MARINE CORPS/ENG

LANG CRS 2  
ORIENTATION TNG TOUR (CADETS) 15

(2) PANAMA CANAL ZONE TRAINING (CONSIDERED U.S. TRAINING):

ARMY: NONE

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A.F. TACTICAL AIR OPERATIONS 2  
ACFT MAINT OFF. 3  
INVENTORY MGT & WAREHOUSE SPECL 3

NAVY: NONE

(3) TOTAL STUDENTS U.S. TRAINING - 43

(4) TOTAL STUDENTS CANAL ZONE TRAINING - 8

3B(3) FMS FINANCING - NOT APPLICABLE

3B(4) FMS AND/OR COMMERCIAL PURCHASES: MEXICO HAS NOT MADE ITS INTENTIONS KNOWN WITH REGARD TO PURCHASE OF MAJOR MILITARY AND NAVAL EQUIPMENT FOR FY 1979. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE COUNTRY HAS A SERIOUS NEED FOR MODERN ALL PURPOSE TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL PATROL CRAFT AT A MINIMUM. IT IS LIKELY THAT MEXICO WILL CONTINUE ITS TRADITION OF MAKING DIRECT COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF ITS EQUIPMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE. NO USG ARMS TRANSFER POLICY PROBLEMS ARE PROJECTED SHOULD MEXICO PURCHASE MILITARY HARDWARE IN FY 1979, SINCE MOST EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AT THIS POINT WILL GO TO REPLACE OLD OR UNSERVICEABLE EQUIPMENT AND WILL NOT REPRESENT AN EXPANSION OF MEXICAN CAPABILITIES. LUCEY

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